

The Cass County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Logansport, Indiana. Founded in 1907, we are one of the oldest county historical societies in Indiana.

Our mission is to collect, preserve and share Cass County, Indiana history.

Patron support is vital to the success of our mission and we thank you for taking time to learn about our organization and our county's history.

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Museums are closed on holidays and during the month of January. Library assistance is still available by appointment in January.



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STATE OF THE Cass County HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024



Cass County Museum
Castaldi Family History Center, Society Offices
421 E. Broadway Street, Logansport, IN 46947

Open Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM

Society Snapshot

- 102 Active Members
- 175 Membership Goal 2024
- 15 Board of Trustee Members
- 7 Active Volunteers
- 2 Employees
- \$78,000 Annual Campaign Goal 2024
- \$120,000 Operating Budget 2024

Cass County Museum

• Structural Work

Spring 2023 - mortar repairs, tuckpointing and painting was completed by Atlas Building Services of Wabash, IN to ensure the safety and structural integrity of the west facing exterior brick wall at Cass County Museum (CCM).

Existing damage on the northeast corner of CCM building was also repaired during the wall project by Atlas.

Operational needs such as lighting, stairwell access, internet, security systems, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher updates, were installed or updated at both museum locations.

• HVAC Replacement

Funding from Cass County Community Foundation provided for the replacement of two failing HVAC units. Winter 2024, Core Mechanical Services of Atwood, IN provided equipment and installation.

Society Operations

• Addition of Program Manager

The Program Manager at CCHS will assist with member and guest services. Provision of library access, school programs, events, volunteer scheduling and group tours will be better managed with the addition of this valuable assistance.

• New Programs & Events Established

In 2023 we worked to establish a new, regular calendar of educational programs and seasonal events. These activities help CCHS fulfill our mission to share Cass County history and give others in the community the opportunity to sponsor or otherwise help CCHS provide meaningful museum program content.

• Collections Management Progress

Funding provided by Indiana Historical Society and Cass County Community Foundation allowed for the purchase of new computer, printing and scanning equipment for our technology office at Cass County Museum. The newly equipped office serves as a hub for our work digitizing collection records.

Organization of artifacts on display and in storage will continue as we work to provide a cleaner, more accessible educational exhibit experience at both locations. With the exception of our American mastodon fossil collection, displays at Cass County Museum will focus primarily on history 1920s and after. Displays at Long Home Museum and Cabin will primarily share history pre-1920.



Museum Admission

CCHS will begin charging a \$5 admission fee for adult guests visiting our museums beginning February 1, 2024.

K-12 student & child admission will remain free, provided by a pending local sponsorship. The opportunity for guests of any age to enjoy free admission will remain offered regularly during First Saturday or other special museum events.

Long Home Museum & Cabin

- **Structural Analysis**

Funding from Indiana Historical Society provided for an updated structural analysis of the Long Home Museum, Carriage House and Log Cabin. KJG Architects of Lafayette, IN provided this service that allows us an informed path forward restoration of the property.

The home has immediate roof repair needs that will be the focus of our attention at this location in 2024. We will also be working hard to restore and clean the cabin in preparation for its eventual reopening to the public.

- **Safe Walkways**

Cracked and lifted sidewalks and steps around the museum grounds were repaired and reset by M.R. Louthains and Associates in September 2023 to ensure guest safety when traversing museum grounds. Problematic trees were also managed or removed.



Long Home Museum
& Cabin, Gift Shop
1004 E. Market Street
Street, Logansport, IN
46947

Open Thursday -
Friday
1 - 4 PM
First Saturdays
1-4 PM

New Exhibit
Opening
Spring 2024:
Settlers &
Immigrants



The ReVere Exhibit

Cass County Historical Society is the proud steward of a ReVere tourer automobile. Built in Logansport, IN in 1920, this exquisite automobile is on temporary exhibit at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, IN. The car will remain on display there while its new permanent exhibit home is constructed in the South Gallery of the Cass County Museum.

Your support is needed to create this exciting, accessible new exhibit for all to enjoy. Preparations are being made to begin construction work on the South Gallery in 2024. With the community's support, we hope to have the ReVere on permanent display at the Cass County Museum in 2025.

2024 Program Information

Both museums are closed in January for cleaning and maintenance. The Castaldi Family History Center at CCM will still be available by appointment.

CCHS Board of Trustees meets at 5 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Cass County Museum. Our annual meeting takes place on the 1st Thursday of December and is accompanied by a ticketed dinner and entertainment experience.

First Saturdays - Enjoy free admission, browse our exhibits, shop the gift shop, meet a CCHS Trustee and experience varied activities on the first Saturday of each month February - December at Long Home Museum & Cabin.

Saturday, February 10 - Northern Indiana Railroads: A Cass County Legacy Speaker event. Enjoy this free presentation by author Craig Berndt. Cass County Museum 2-4 PM. Other 2024 Legacy Speaker events TBA.

New school program, group or student field trip and off site "Museum in a Box" presentation offerings will be free and available to book beginning March 2024.

Our 2024 Volunteer Appreciation event will take place in April during Volunteer Appreciation Month. Details TBA.

September-October 2024 will see the return of our Cemetery Walk and Haunted History offerings. Details TBA for this reimagined, ticketed event.

Home for the Holidays at Long Home Museum & Cabin will open again on the First Saturday in November 5-8 PM and run with extended hours through Christmas.

Please follow us online to stay up to date on museum program and event news.